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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT OECD COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES (RBP) MEETING, DECEMBER
14-16

REF: STATE 270321

1. REFTEL REQUESTED MISSION TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR
THOMAS SUSMAN, GENERAL COUNSEL FOR SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLIES, WHO IS PRESENTLY EISEN-
HOWER FELLOW AT EC COMPETITION DIRECTORATE IN BRUSSELS
TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING AS "INTERESTED VISITOR".
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF OECD (5 AND 11) STATE (A) THAT
MEETINGS OF BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE HELD
IN PRIVATE UNLESS COUNCIL AGREES OTHERWISE AND (B)
NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS ON BODIES OF THE
ORGANIZATION SHALL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL. THE LONG-STANDING INTERPRETATION OF THESE
RULES IS THAT THEY EXCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS
AT OECD MEETINGS UNLESS THEY ARE ACCREDITED AS PART
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OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF A MEMBER COUNTRY. THERE
IS NO ROOM IN THIS PRACTICE FOR "INFORMAL" ATTENDANCE
AT MEETINGS BY INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER CONNECTED WITH
GOVERNMENT OR NOT,

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO SECRETARIAT
(DENVER) ON NOV. 29, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASKED IF

SUSMAN CLD ATTEND RBP MEETING. WE HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER IN REPLY TO JUSICE FROM DENUIT (COPY OF LETTER BEING AIRMAIED EUR/RPT) WHICH STATES IN PART "I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO M. THOMAS SUSMAN WHO IS PRESENTLY A STAGIAIRE IN THE COMPETITION DIRECTORATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, ATTENDING THE PLENARY MEETING OF OUR COMMITTEE ON 15TH AND 16TH DECEMBER AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION."

3. OPERATIVE PHRASE OF SECRETARIAT'S LETTER IS "AS MEMBER OF US DELEGATION". IT IS OBVIOUSLY UP TO DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF SUSMAN MEETS QUALIFICATIONS TO BE MEMBER OF DELEGATION. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IF HE ATTENDS MEETING IT SHOULD BE IN A STATUS IN WHICH HE WOULD BE OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED. SUSMAN ATTENDANCE AT RBP IN ANY INFORMAL STATUS, WHILE PRESUMABLY NOT IN ANY WAY A SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, WOULD CREATE A PRECEDENT WE WOULD ALL COME TO REGRET.
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